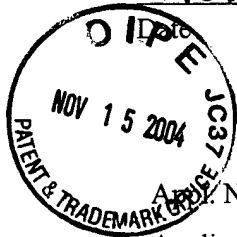


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

App. No. : 10/054,692

Confirmation No. : 8574

Applicants : Trung T. Doan and Gurtej S. Sandhu

Filed : December 19, 2001

Attorney Docket No. : 500300.02

Art Unit : 3723

Customer No. : 27,076

Examiner : Robert A. Rose

Title : POLISHING PAD REFURBISHER FOR IN-SITU, REAL-TIME CONDITIONING AND CLEANING OF A POLISHING PAD USED IN A CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL POLISHING OF MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATES

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicants request continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Submission previously submitted
 - i. ☒ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 11, 2004.
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on _____.

- b. ☐ Submission enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

2. Suspension of Action (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.

3. Accompanying Papers

- ☒ Postcard
☒ Check
☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet
☐ Petition

4. Deposit Account

- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

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